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SUBJ: MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR LEBANESE AND PALESTINIANS

MEDICAL SUPPLIES ARRIVED BEIRUT IN TWO C-141 AIRCRAFT
EARLY MAY 26 AND WERE RECEIVED AT AIRPORT BY REPRESENTATIVES
OF LEBANESE RED CROSS AND EMBASSY DEFENSE
ATTACHE OFFICE. EMB SENT BACKGROUND PRESS RELEASE
TO LEBANESE PAPERS AND NATIONAL INFORMATION AGENCY
TOGETHER WITH PHOTOS TAKEN BY USIS PHOTOGRAPHER.
PRESS RELEASE READS AS FOLLS:
QTE TWO HUGE U S AIR FROCE "STARLIFTER" TRANSPORT
AIRCRAFT ARRIVED AT BEIRUT INERNATIONAL AIRPORT
EARLY TODAY BRINGING 23 TONS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR
PALESTINIAN REFUGEES.

THE SUPPLIES WERE GIFT TO RED CROSS OF LEBANON AND
RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES OF EGYPT AND SYRIA FROM WORLD
MEDICAL RELIEF CENTER, A PRIVATE PHILANTROPHIC ORGANIZATION
IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN. AFTER COLLECTING SUPPLIES
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TO HELP ALLEVIATE SUFFERING IN REFUGEE CAMPS, THE GROUP

CONTACTED U S GOVERNMENT TO SEEK HELP IN TRANSPORTING
SHIPMENT TO LEBANON.

U S AIR FORCE PROVIDED TWO TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT,
AND LEBANESE CONSUL GENERAL IN DETROIT MADE ARRANGEMENTS
WITH RED CROSS OF LEBANON TO ACCEPT AND CLEAR SUPPLIES
ON BEHALF OF ALL THREE RECEIPIENT ORGANIZATIONS AND ARRANGE
FOR THEIR RAPID DISTRIBUTION TO CAMP MEDICAL CENTERS.

PHOTOS SHOW LT COL ROBERT BEVERIDGE, U S EMB
AIR ATT, GEBRAN ABOU KHALIL OF LEBANESE RED CROSS,
AND MARINE COL FOREST HUNT, U S NAVAL ATTACHE, EXAMINING
CARGO MANIFESTS IN FRONT OF ONE OF THE TWO STARLIFTERS.

IN SECOND PHOTO, GEBRAN ABOU KHALIL SUPERVISES
UNLOADING OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES THROUGH HUGE REAR HATCH
OF STARLIFTER CARGO TRANSPORT. UNQTE.
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